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## **California Legislative Black Caucus' 50 Year Anniversary Celebrated in New State Archives Online Exhibit**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California State Archives launched a new online exhibit today celebrating the 50 year anniversary and history of the [California Legislative Black Caucus \(CLBC\)](#). In 2006, the CLBC submitted their historical materials to the State Archives for lasting preservation. This exhibit provides highlights of the CLBC's collection, profiles trailblazers and chronicles milestones in the caucus' history.

**[Click here to view "California Legislative Black Caucus: Celebrating the Past, Working Toward the Future"](#)**

"As we celebrate Black History Month, I am proud that the State Archives is home to the California Legislative Black Caucus' most precious records," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "By creating an online exhibit, we can share the rich history of the Caucus far and wide. This exhibit illustrates the tremendous impact of black legislators on California, as our state has grown as an economic power and beacon for social justice.

"Since its inception, the members of the California Legislative Black Caucus have contributed landmark policies to move California forward in the face of racism, poverty and inequality. Our members continue to fight for health, housing, and economic opportunities in their communities and for all Californians. I thank Secretary Padilla and the California State Archives for recognizing our history," said Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), Chairman of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

Highlights of the exhibit include:

- Legislation, constituent correspondence, and campaign mailers from some of the first members of the CLBC
- Creation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as an official state holiday
- Caucus efforts to make California a leader in the fight against apartheid

This is the State Archives' [eighth online exhibit to be hosted by Google Arts & Culture](#), since beginning a partnership in 2016. Secretary Padilla has made digitizing the treasures of the State Archives a priority.

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